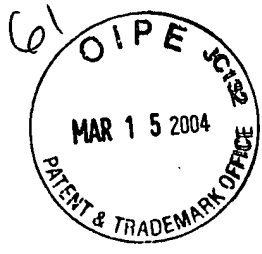
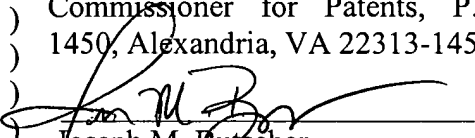


AF/3137



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
34-UL-120826 (MHM 13321US01)

PATENT APPLICATION OF:  
Steinbacher, et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/954,808  
FILED: September 18, 2001  
FOR: Methods and Apparatus for  
Ultrasonic Compound Imaging  
Examiner: Jung, William C.  
Group Art Unit: 3737

) CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
)  
) I hereby certify that this correspondence  
) is being deposited, with sufficient  
) postage, with the United States Postal  
) Service as first class mail in an envelope  
) addressed to: Mail Stop AF,  
) Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box  
) 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  
)  
)   
) Joseph M. Butscher  
) Reg. No. 48,326  
)  
) Date: March 12, 2004  
)  
)  
)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED  
MAR 19 2004  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 85700

Dear Sir:

The present Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2004.  
The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.